Non-Payment of Salaries of State Government's Employees

1438. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some State Governments are not paying salaries to their employees, including Board and Corporation employees;

(b) if so, the details of State Governments which are not paying salaries for the past three years, State-wise; and

(c) what are the details of the steps the Central Government propose to take to improve and regulate the financial health of the State governments in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):(a) and (b) Payments of salaries to State Government employees, fall within the purview of the respective State Governments and is to be met out of the Conslidated Fund of the State. Details of State Governments not paying salaries are not Centrally maintained.

(c) The primary responsibility for addressing the problem of unsustainable levels of fiscal deficit rests with the State Governments. However, Government of India, in pursuance of the recommendation of the Eleventh Finance Commission has created a State Fiscal Reforms Facility (2000-01 to 2004-05). State have been invited to draw their Medium Term Fiscal Reforms programme aimed at improving revenue deficit/surplus and attaining sustainable fiscal deficit In the medium term. Besides, Government of India have also put fonward a proposal for debts swap to enable States to retire high cost debt to facilitate the process of fiscal consolidation.

Increase in Salary of Chairman of SBI

1439. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India State Banl< of India Officers Association has at its executive meetings demanded that the salary of Chairman of the State Bank of India should be increased so that it is brought at par with the salaries of his counterparts in other banks particularly of foreign banks; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response in this regard?